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A LETTER FROM CHARLESTON

Dear Folks:

Talking about baseball, we met the strong Royal Bagging Mills team and defeated them 9 to 2. This was our second game the first one ending in a tie, so we still have a 1,000 per cent team. We are going to keep it that way, too, for the rest of the season. We're not bragging; we just admit we're good.

Cow pasture pool is gaining in popularity every day and if Major Capron stays with us as long as we hope he will, we should have enough stars to stage a nice tournament. It took a good while to get some of the old timers interested but now even the police sergeant plays it.

We understand that Captain Pearce, our post exchange officer and post quartermaster, is about to depart for Honolulu. Here's good luck, Captain, and may you always remember the gang at Charleston, as we shall remember you.

There are quite a few men getting paid off now and there will be quite a few vacancies which we should like to fill with some football, baseball, and basketball material, so come one, come all to the beautiful city by the sea.

Pvt. "Bozo" Abraham, "D" room lounge lizard, was paid off a few days ago and has returned to Boston to enter business with his dad.

First Sergeant Wilson and Sgt. Frank Urban, the "Q" room button dusters, returned from a 15-day leave recently, and judging from their looks and the condition of the Ford they certainly had one grand and glorious time.

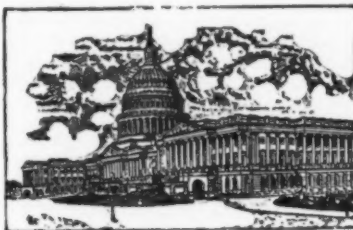
Dave Kurner, Toney Tremont, Joey Talabach, Albert Schneider, and numerous other members of the "400 class" of Gyrenes Gulch flivvered to Magnolia Gardens Sunday and reports are that the Ford is still in good condition and everybody was ready for work Monday morning, much to the surprise of the police sergeant.

D. Killen, our (ig)noble correspondent, has so many duties that we are thinking of giving him an assistant. In addition to his regular duty as O. D. he has the captaincy of the baseball team and is manager of the "Never Sweats" and "Shade Tree Sluggers" who make up the twilight league.

Quite a few members of the post have taken up I. C. S. courses in various branches and Red Lowden, our representative of the Ladies' Sewing Bee (B what?) is waiting until they put out a course in African golf or Black Jack which take up most of his time, as well as keeping Al Freidman pretty busy.

We will now sing our closing ballad, "It can't be done, it ain't in the book."

D. KILLEN.



WASHINGTON NEWS

The annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences was formally opened Monday, April 28, at 10:30 in the morning, and the Marine Barracks at Washington furnished a detail of 40 Marines, commanded by Capt. Robert C. Thaxton, to participate in the ceremony.

The President of the United States made the opening address, which was followed by "The Star Spangled Banner," played by the U. S. Marine Band, which also played "America" at the close of the morning exercises.

The Marines selected for the detail are the same men who were body bearers at the funerals of the late Presidents Harding and Wilson.

Second Lieut. Earl A. Thomas, a graduate of the last Candidates for Commission Detachment, was ordered to duty April 26 from this Barracks to Norfolk, Va.

The following Marines have reported at this post for duty with the next Clerical Schools Detachment:

John H. Haxton and Clarence Eggler, from Puget Sound, Wash.; Andries B. Neill and Fred B. Duerson, Mare Island, Calif.; Robert G. Hendricks and Samuel M. Allen, from San Diego, Calif.

WASHINGTON LOSES FIRST BALL GAME

A good sized crowd of fans were on hand Sunday afternoon to see the Marine Barracks Baseball Team open its season with the Black and White Cabs Team. Due to errors, the Leathernecks bowed in defeat, the score being 7 to 6. Weiss tossed a fine game and held the Cabs to five hits.

Mavencamp of the Leathernecks poled out a homer the first time at bat, and got a two-bagger the second time up. Lesser caught the Cabmen off their guard and pulled a double play, thereby breaking a hitting streak which was cropping up among the Cabmen.

Batteries—Cabs: Dakin, Weingarden and Sullivan; Marines: Weiss and Swygert.

The Score:
Cabs 2 3 1 0 1 0 0 0—7
Marines 1 2 1 0 2 0 0 0—6

MARINE BAND TO MAKE ANNUAL TOUR

As the following letter shows, Captain Sattleman, the leader of the U. S. Marine Band, has already begun work on his annual concert tour. These concerts in the past have met with such favor and popularity that it is now a matter of several months' work on the part of Captain Sattleman and his Band for special preparation in order to keep the concerts up to the high standard that has heretofore been enjoyed by the thousands of music lovers who attend:

19 April, 1924.

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

This Department is in receipt of a request from the leader of the U. S. Marine Band, favorably indorsed by the Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps, for permission to make a concert tour to begin September 22, 1924, and to end on November 22, 1924.

It has been the custom for many years, with the approval of the President, to grant leave of absence to the leader and musicians of the U. S. Marine Band for the purpose of making concert tours. A certain percentage of the proceeds of the concerts is paid to the musicians of the Band as remuneration for their services. It is therefore recommended that the present request of the Leader of the U. S. Marine Band be given favorable consideration by the President.

Very respectfully,
(S.) CURTIS D. WILBUR.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Approved: April 21, 1924.

(S.) CALVIN COOLIDGE.

The President.

The White House.

MARINES EVACUATE EASTERN DISTRICT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The last outfit to hold the Fort at San Pedro de Macoris, D. R., has been moved into the Capital City of Santo Domingo. This outfit is the old 44th mounted, much famed throughout the Republic for its campaigns and drives against banditry, and one of the few remaining members of the old original 3d Regiment. This old outfit has been a participant in practically every campaign in the Eastern and Southern portion of the island and performed very valuable service to the detachment that recently mapped the entire island.

The removal of the 44th mounted to the capital city terminates the Marines' occupation of the Eastern portion of the island and looks hopeful for a final withdrawal of troops from Santo Domingo.

WEEKLY REPORT

Marine Corps Institute

APRIL 26, 1924

Total number individuals enrolled.. 7,766

Number of examination papers received during week 1,461

Number of examination papers received during 1924 20,192

M. C. I. NOTES

On April 18, 1924, 523 lesson papers were received by the Marine Corps Institute, which is the largest number of lesson papers ever received by the school in a single day. On February 18, 1924, 510 lesson papers were received, which smashed all previous records.

The largest number of lesson papers received on any one day during the year 1923 was 485, which number was received on August 10, 1923.

Graduates of the Marine Corps Institute who return to civil life should have their diplomas framed and displayed in their places of business, so that all who are interested may see their qualifications.

SPORTS IN GUAM

Baseball is king of sports in far-off Guam, as in the United States, and the leading league nine is the Sumay Marines Baseball Team. Capt. C. E. Rice is manager, and Corporal Ralls, the pitcher, holds down the position of captain. He is also a radio man and instructs in the popular science.

Tennis and golf are favorite sports as well, and plans for a National Service Tennis Trophy Match are being made. Cpl. S. G. Baford and Pvs. F. H. Hanson, F. L. Duncan, F. B. Nord, T. A. Larson and T. R. Dungan are top-notchers in the one-time "cake eaters' game."

The "Medal Competition" matches lend interest to golf, and such players as Sgt. A. Lutes, Cpls. J. Thomas and R. M. Jenkins, and Pvt. F. E. Cushman are warning Gene Sarazen and his noted contemporaries to look to their laurels.

Sgt.-Maj. J. J. Leonard is awaiting transfer to the States. He will be relieved by Sgt.-Maj. E. F. McCarty. Pvt. W. L. Greenicolio has been sent to Cavite, P. I.

QUANTICO NEWS

Headquarters, Sixth Regiment.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Sgt. William Rodie on April 23, 1924. Death was caused by heart failure. Sergeant Rodie was an old timer in the Corps, having first enlisted July 2, 1901. He was well known throughout the service and was popular with both officers and men. His untimely death is mourned by all who knew him.

Quantico has a troop of Boy Scouts visiting them this week. A very interesting schedule was laid out for the boys during their stay in Quantico which included demonstrations with machine guns, one-pounders and tanks. They also took part in a parade and review for the Major General Commandant. The boys are enjoying their stay and will be able to go home with a good impression of the life led by the Marine.

Capt. Roger W. Beard has been detached to the Fifth Regiment. We all join in wishing him success in his new duties.

Capt. Benjamin F. Fogg has been detached from the Sixth Regiment and assigned to Parris Island, S. C. Captain Fogg was relieved as Regimental Quartermaster by 1st Lieut. Merton A. Richal.

D. M. HYDE.

Signal Battalion.

The Marine Corps Radio School maintained by the 87th Company, Signal Battalion, was opened on April 1 with an initial attendance of sixty-four men.

Thorough instruction is given in the following subjects: Practical Mathematics, Practical Electricity, Principles Underlying Radio Communication, Message Forms, Radio Net Work, Field and Laboratory Work, Code and Buzzer Practice.

The Radio School will be called upon to furnish all the operators for Marine Corps radio stations as well as Naval radio stations operated by Marine Corps personnel.

1st Lieut. George W. McHenry, former commander of the 87th Company, has been detached to Headquarters Company to assume the duties of Battalion Quartermaster. 1st Lieut. George W. Shearer is commanding the 87th Company at present. The Battalion has also lost the services of 2d Lieuts. James M. Smith and Kenneth L. Moses, the former to Santo Domingo, and the latter to the Basic School for Officers. We wish them

all the luck in the world in their new duties. JOHN M. MORRELL.

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Anti-Aircraft Company.

The company regrets the discharge of several men this week. Sergeant Gross, who has had charge of the garage for several weeks, will be paid off this week. Also Corporals Ruarke and Yeager are slated for discharge.

The Anti-Aircraft Company has a budding baseball team, and with the aid of Sergeant Anderson, acting top kick, we are progressing very nicely. There are a number of enthusiasts in the company and we are exceptionally lucky in securing Corporal Downey as our chief hurler. He is backed by an able assistant in the person of Sgt. F. C. Bottemer. Corporal Downey is assuming the duties of captain and Private Petty, manager.

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First Aviation Group, Brown Field.

The officers of the First Aviation Group gave a dance on the evening of Friday, April 11. The dance was preceded by a dinner at the Hostess House and the crowd then adjourned to the Martin Bomber Hangar. The interior of the hangar presented a picture such as Admiral Peary must have met with when he hung his hat on the North Pole—icebergs, icicles, snow, igloos, and the rippling, flashing, colored lights of the Aurora Borealis.

Two jazz orchestras, Bernsteins from Washington, and one composed of Post talent, never let the echoes die. A large crowd joined Aviation in the hop around the pole, there being a number of guests from Anacostia, Marine Corps Headquarters, and others outside the station.

1st Lieut. H. G. Watson has reported in from Pensacola where he has been for the last two years. Officers for the next class at Pensacola are arriving for preliminary instruction.

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45th Company.

This outfit licked the 8th Machine Gun Company in the recent baseball game to the tune of 9 to 6. We challenge other teams in the Regiment, but there seems to be a noticeable lack of material.

Our plans for a Recreation Room are gradually being promoted, and it is expected that we will soon sport a sure enough pool table for after-dinner sport.

Cpl. Harold R. Sincok was discharged on the 19th of April. It is expected that he will be shipping over for the West Coast.

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WHY GO?

Rub—Did you have a good time in Paris?

Dub—No; I haven't any bad habits.—*Toronto Globe.*

Corporal—I told you take a fine sight, y' dub; don't you know what a fine sight is?

Seebold—Sure! A boat full of corporals sinking.

He thought he'd surely made a hit, When for his photograph she prayed, "Out when this calls," she wrote on it And gave it to the maid.

—*Amherst Lord Jeff.*

A straight flush—whether on a card table or a woman's cheek—is hard to beat.

Man is the only animal that can be skinned more than once.

The greatest tragedy you can undergo is to have reached a time in life when there is nothing further to desire.

It pays to keep straight. Look how the corkscrew lost out.

—*Skidfin.*

WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

Charlie (at the baseball game)—"A man on first and third! Here's where we work the squeeze."

May—"Oh, Charlie, dear; not right out here. It is so public, please."

Hydraulics Prof.—"What did you get for that problem about the pressure of water on the dam, Davidson?"

Davidson (earnestly)—"I didn't get the dam problem."

"Is your daughter still on the stage?"

"No. She has gone into the cattle business."

"Cattle business!"

"Yes. Some fool stock company or other."

EACH GIRL FOR HERSELF

Ethel—What is the proper length for a girl's skirt?

Clara—That all depends on her limbs, dear!—*New York Sun and Globe.*

Quellett: What would you do if I kissed you?

She: I'd yell for dad!

(A few minutes later) "Sweet Daddy."

You never hear the bee complain,
Nor hear it weep and wail,
But if it wishes it can unfold
A very painful tail.

GENERAL ORDERS

1. To take charge of this gravy and all spuds in view.
2. To watch my plate in a military manner, keeping on the alert for any sausage that comes in sight, smell or hearing.
3. To report any bread sliced too thin to the Commissary Steward.
4. To report all calls for seconds.
5. To quit the table only when satisfied that there is nothing left.
6. To receive (but not to pass on to the next man) any meats, cabbage or beans left by the Messman.
7. To talk to no one who eats onions.
8. In any case not covered by instructions, to call the Mess Sgt.
9. Optional.
10. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of chow.
11. To salute all chicken, beefsteak, pork chops, ham and eggs and liver.
12. To be especially watchful at the table and during time of eating to challenge anyone who seems to be getting more prunes than myself.

—*Oklahoma Sea Bag.*

KNEW TOO MUCH

Chaplain: Give a quotation from the Bible.

Boob: "Judas went out and hanged himself."

Chaplain: Fine, can you give another?

Boob: "Go thou and do likewise."

—*Sea Bag.*

Inspector: "What is the number of your rifle?"

Boob: "I don't know, sir."

Inspector: "What would you do if you lost your rifle?"

Boob: "I have the number written down, sir."

Inspector: "What if you lost the paper?"

Boob: "I have it written on the wall, sir."

"Have you seen Pete?"

"Pete who?"

"Petroleum."

"Kerosene him yesterday and ain't benzine since."

Housewife—What? 20,000 marks? I only paid 10,000 last time!

Shopman—Ah, that was in the good old times—half an hour ago!—*Ulk (Berlin).*

Little Girl: "My ma's got nicer smel-lin' perfumes 'n anybody."

Little Boy: "Mine don't need 'em—she takes her bath regular."

Rescuer—How did you come to fall in?

Rescued—Didn't come to fall in. I came to fish.

Dot—"What is the name of that hand-some prisoner?"

Guard—"Number 2297, Miss."

Dot—"How funny! But of course that is not his real name?"

Guard—"Oh, no, Miss! That's just his pen name."

There are letters of accents, and letters of tone,
But the best of all letters is to let her alone.

THE MARINE'S PRAYER

By W. R. MURPHY

Now I lay me down to sleep;
I pray the Lord my gun to keep;
Let no other soldier take
My sox or shoes before I wake.

Keep me safely in Thy sight;
Cause no fire drills in the night;
And at morning let me wake,
Breathing scents of sirloin steak.

Spare me from all work and drills,
And when sick, don't feed me pills.
Should I hurt this head of mine,
Paint it not with iodine.

Take me back into the land
Where they walk without a band,
Where no pesky bugle blows,
And where women wash the clothes.

In a cozy feather bed,
There I long to lay my head,
Far away from camping scenes,
And the smell of half-baked beans.

Lord, Thou knowest my every care—
Hearken then, to this, my prayer—
Hasten days of peace again;
Calm and warless, Lord, Amen.

—*Foreign Service.*

"She's your best friend, isn't she?"
"She was—until my husband's illness.
He was delirious, you know!"—*Judge.*

Dr. King—Rube, hear you are to speak at the next meeting of the debating class.

Rube—Yes, professor.
Professor—Saturate yourself with your subject, my boy, saturate yourself. By the way, what are you going to discuss?

Rube—Bootleg liquor.

Man is made of dust—and matrimony settles him.

Officer—"Say, why didn't you salute me this afternoon?"

Sailor—"Didn't see you, sir."

Officer—"Didn't see me—why, you passed right by me."

Sailor—"Oh, you were the guy with the girl who wore the open-worked stockings!"—*Exchange.*

"There was a pretty little girl named Nellie,
Who fell in the water and wet her little feet."

"Why, Johnnie, that doesn't rhyme."

"I know it doesn't. The water wasn't deep enough."—*Anonymous.*

HER FATAL ADMISSION

After he had kissed and pressed her rosy cheek against his and patted her soft round chin, she drew back and asked him:

"George, do you shave yourself?"

"Yes," he replied.

"I thought so. Your face is the roughest I ever—"

Then she stopped, but it was too late and he went away with a lump in his throat.—*Voo Doo.*

"Say, there, black man, can't yo play honest? Ah knows what cairds ah done dealt you."—*Voo Doo.*

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MOTHER'S DAY

Every day is Mother's Day for all of us, but on Sunday, May 11, we are going to let her know about it. If we are near enough we are going to see her then, but if home is too far away she will have a letter from us that day.

We are going to remember, too, that there are many mothers who once had boys of their own to visit them, but who are now with them in spirit only. We are not going to forget that mothers can be made happy by a word of remembrance from us, or a friendly call.

Mother's Day, of all days in the year, is the day that we observe most earnestly because we want the mothers of our country to know how deeply we love them and how greatly we revere them.

PAST RECORD MADE BY SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

According to *The Washington Post*, Secretary of the Navy Wilbur is the greatest friend Navy athletics has ever had in a President's cabinet.

The following paragraphs are quoted from *The Washington Post* of April 27: "Back in the 'good old days' before athletics ranked ahead of studies in colleges and the Naval Academy was just breaking into the sport field, Cadet C. D. Wilbur set a middle record which stands today when on June 6, 1888, to be exact, he won the hitch and kick jump event in a gymnasium meet, touching the tamboourine 9 feet, 1 inch from the floor.

"This feat is recorded now on the walls of the Naval Academy gym in the form of a tablet and it is safe to say that this same C. D. Wilbur, now monarch of all he surveys in Gob circles, will take more pride in this 'memorium' than in the handsomely framed photograph which will stand as his epitaph as Navy head upon his retirement."

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SAIL HO!

Have you ever stopped to think of the significance of our two service terms, "buddie" and "shipmate"? Read this quotation from *The Sub-Base Ballast* and consider whether you are deserving of the name.

Boot: "What is a shipmate?"

Old Timer: "A shipmate is one who helps instead of hinders, does all to help a buddie in trouble, is always cheerful and trying to keep the gloom away. A shipmate never tries to make trouble for others just out of spite. Spite work is the work of low-minded, undermining individuals. Any man who would do some small trick just to make it uncomfortable for a shipmate or shipmates is far inferior to the Navy Standard. Let these take their places with the riffraff and we surely won't have to trouble ourselves about our narrow-minded neighbor."

—*The Sub-Base Ballast.*

WEST COAST MARINES

The crack rifle and pistol shots of the Western Division are gathering at Mare Island for the annual rifle and pistol competition, the Pearl Harbor team arriving April 5, the San Diego team, April 13, and the Puget Sound team, April 15.

The following officers joined for the competitions: Capt. Charles H. Martin, Puget Sound; Capt. Claude A. Larkin, Pearl Harbor; and 1st Lieut. Frederick E. Stack, San Diego.

The Mare Island Base team is stepping right out, beating the U. S. S. *Arctic* 13 to 6 and the *Jefferson Club*, best semi-pro team on the coast, 8 to 3. The game with the U. S. S. *Sonoma* on April 17 was a walk-away to the tune of 18 to 1.

Captain Michael J. Kearney recently joined the post from the Far East, and Captain Donald Curtis has been detached to Quantico.

1st Sgt. Lynn Meibos is an enthusiastic M. C. I. student, to say the least. Upon graduation from the Auto Mechanics Course he immediately enrolled in the Airplane Engine Course.

The sergeants at Mare Island are getting some good drill practice at the present time. The *President Taft* is laid up for repairs and has about a hundred Chinamen aboard who are restricted to the island. A sergeant is detailed to drill them daily for exercise.

Sgt. Harley J. Carnes performs this duty almost daily and the Chinks like him so well that he has been invited to the Orient to reign as *Tuchan*.

Sgt. James "Q" Matzen of the Peking Legation Guard once held this lofty post. He was for many years high-jinks of the famous Non-Coms Club at Peking, and during the famine in China he was a member of the relief commission, and as such traveled all over North China as foreman of highway construction. He was also one of the right-hand kickers of the English engineer who had charge of the work, and during this time Jim hired, fired, doctored, preached, quelled riots and acted as honorary ancestor to thousands of sons of the Flowery Kingdom.

W. B. BEACH.

HEADQUARTERS TALKS

PROMOTION OF NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

By E. A. OSTERMANN

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Why are commanding officers not authorized to fill vacancies in the various non-commissioned grades without special authority from the Major General Commandant? Why is the Marine Corps over strength in the non-commissioned grades? Is it not possible to authorize a complement for a post or station and allow the commanding officer to make his own non-commissioned officers?

These and many other questions of a similar nature are being frequently asked by officers and enlisted men, and it is hoped that this brief explanation may be of interest.

It is of course necessary that the strength of the Marine Corps be kept within the limits fixed by law and for this reason a careful record of all promotions throughout the Corps must be kept at Headquarters.

It has been necessary since January, 1921, to control from Headquarters, promotions to all the non-commissioned grades above that of sergeant, but until April 7, 1924, commanding officers of posts outside the continental limits of the United States were authorized to make promotions to the grades of sergeant and corporal, and commanding officers within the United States were authorized to promote to the grade of corporal, without special authority of the Major General Commandant. On April 7, 1924, it was found that the Marine Corps was over strength in the grades of sergeant and corporal and it then became necessary to control promotions to all of the non-commissioned grades from the Headquarters of the Corps.

The nature of the duty performed by the Marine Corps, ashore and afloat, requires an extremely flexible organization which will not permit of promotions solely within organizations, and in order to maintain the morale and efficiency of the non-commissioned personnel at the highest level, it is necessary that these non-commissioned officers be assured that they will not be reduced merely because the demands of the service require a transfer to some other organization or station. This situation creates a problem which has not yet been satisfactorily solved.

The Major General Commandant desires to protect and further the interests of the non-commissioned personnel and also give the various commanding officers as much freedom in making promotions as possible, but at the same time he must keep the Corps within its authorized strength. The following examples will show how the authorized strength in any grade might be exceeded if control were not centralized:

Assume that the grade of corporal in the Marine Corps is entirely filled.

Example (1). Corporal "A" is then transferred from Haiti to the United States, and since his transfer creates a vacancy in the First Brigade, the Brigade Commander promotes a man to fill

the vacancy. Result: the Marine Corps is one corporal over strength.

Example (2). Corporal "B" is discharged and does not reenlist immediately. His commanding officer promotes a man to fill the vacancy, and later Corporal "B" reenlists and is reappointed at the recruiting office. Result: the Marine Corps is two corporals in excess.

Example (3). Corporal "C" is reduced and transferred to staff duty. His commanding officer promotes a man to fill the vacancy, later on Corporal "C" is transferred back to line duty and is reappointed. Result: the Marine Corps is three corporals in excess.

Example (4). Corporal "D" is transferred ashore from the U. S. S. *Blank*, and a man is immediately promoted to fill the vacancy. Result: the Marine Corps is four corporals in excess.

At the present time all posts and detachments of the Marine Corps, ashore and afloat, are authorized a complement of officers, non-commissioned officers and privates which will enable them to perform the particular duty required of them. The total strength must of course not exceed the total authorized strength of the Corps and provision must also be made for men in transit to and from stations, sick in hospital, etc., so that a certain number of men are carried in what is known as the "Pool." It is evident that the larger the pool is made the smaller the authorized complements of various posts and stations must be.

It is believed that the following plan which is being discussed will give commanding officers greater freedom in making promotions, reduce the number of men in the pool to a minimum and greatly simplify control from Headquarters:

"Promotion of non-commissioned officers at any post or station of the Marine Corps will not be made without special authority of the Major General Commandant, except as indicated in the following paragraphs:

BOOTS AND SADDLES FROM KEYPORT

The Commanding General of the Department of the Pacific, Maj. Gen. Wendell C. Neville, inspected the sea-going Dragoons at Keyport on April 11. He complimented the post on its smart showing and even had a word of praise for the galley and its efficient custodian, Corporal Nut'er. Corporal Rudz trotted out some slick-looking caballos that upheld his reputation as best stable sergeant in the Corps.

Drill periods are taken up mostly with range work and the gang is preparing to fire for record at Camp Lewis. Bayonet practice is having its innings too, and Corporals Shields and Tupper are developing some real bloodthirsty "teufelhunden."

Baseball is well under way and such men as Tupper, Casanova, Vest and Longnecker are expected to show up well. Longnecker got a sweater and letter for his work on the diamond last year.

The monthly dances are popular, and are always well attended. Hiking and camping are becoming favorites with the advent of Spring.

The detachment has two cooks, McClain and Vaughan, who are taking courses in home economics and needlework. If you doubt it, ask the M. C. I.

C. L. E.

"(a) Vacancies (except in the grade of sergeant major and quartermaster sergeant), occurring by reason of death and desertion or by reduction as a punishment or for incompetency, may be filled at any post without special authority of the Major General Commandant, provided the promotion in such cases will not cause an excess in the authorized complement of the post concerned.

"(b) Commanding Officers at the following named stations are hereby authorized to make promotions to the grades of sergeant and corporal without reference to the Major General Commandant to fill vacancies, provided such promotions will not cause an excess in their authorized complements:

Peking, China.
Cavite, P. I.
Olongapo, P. I.
Managua, Nic.
St. Thomas, V. I.
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
Coco Solo, C. Z.
San Juan, P. R.

"(c) Vacancies occurring in the complements of detachments serving afloat will be made as provided by Article 614, Navy Regulations.

"(d) Consolidated requests will be made by despatch from the Department of the Pacific, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia, First Brigade, Republic of Haiti, and the Second Brigade, Dominican Republic, on the 10th, 20th, and last of each month. Department, Post and Brigade Commanders will be responsible that the authorized non-commissioned strength of their commands is not exceeded.

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"Each post will maintain its own waiting list and a waiting list of posts will be maintained at Headquarters, Marine Corps."

PORTSMOUTH NEWS

1st Sgt. William Rider has reported for duty at this post to relieve 1st Sgt. M. C. Hattaway, who has been transferred to Marine Barracks, Philadelphia.

Spring weather is bringing forth a change of daily routine. Drills are now held every day, and on Tuesday and Thursday of each week we hold parade and review.

Our baseball team, managed by Q. M. Sgt. William Ellawanger, is well under way and we are in hopes of capturing all the honors in this part of the country.

The old saying, "In the spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love" is very true, as far as Pvt. M. F. Murphy, the "Shiek of Kittery," is concerned, who was married last week, and we are expecting to hear of Private Evans meeting the same fate most any day. More power to them both!

Pvt. James Giles, who has been Post Librarian for the past two years, requested relief, got it, and is now walking post with the rest of the Gang. Patty says that two years' rest is enough for any man in one enlistment.

Sgt. "Buster" Brown, our post exchange steward, is back on the job again. Buster was in the hospital nearly two months, due to injuries received in falling upon the ice.

JOHN A. DANSMAN.

ST. THOMAS WRITES TO "THE LEATHERNECK"

Dear Editor:

I have noticed that THE LEATHERNECK has failed to print anything about St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, for some little time. The only conclusion left is that you do not seem to be aware of the importance and possibilities of this little detachment.

In the first place, we have some club for enlisted men, and you should be pleased to know that it is called the *Leatherneck Club*. It is furnished most luxuriously, with both wicker and leather-covered furniture. There is a reading room supplied with the latest magazines and periodicals, a card room, pool room, writing room and refreshment counter.

Great credit is due our last commanding officer, Lt. Col. Backstrom, for the founding of this club, and we must not fail to mention our present commanding officer in this connection. Lt. Col. Brown has given support and encouragement to the Leatherneck Club, and it is largely through his interest and help that it has flourished.

But what we want to tell you about most is our baseball team. When it was organized we had only fifteen players to pick from but the team we got, by hard hitting and fine teamwork, made a name for itself that will not be forgotten in a hurry.

During the winter maneuvers we played several games with the Battle Fleet and cleaned up everything. We did so well that the Navy began to take notice, and finally we were challenged by the pride of the Navy, the "Rappahannocks," a baseball team which played two seasons without once suffering defeat, and who even beat the Quantico Marines Baseball Team. Well, we licked 'em, 16 to 2.

However, Napoleon met his Waterloo and they finally got to us, but we have *beaucoup* alibis, and never forget it. The Battle Fleet scoured the 3d, 4th and 5th divisions, picking stars from different ships, and finally sent a team here that defeated us twice by a small margin. Now, Ferguson was our very best player and a star pitcher, but he was unable to play in either of these games. We won't make any more excuses, and we're through bragging, but we want the whole wide world to know that "40,000 gobs laid down their swobs to beat 9 little Marines from St. Thomas."

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—There is no accredited LEATHERNECK representative at St. Thomas. But there should be one there, and there should be one at every post, station, and detachment in the Marine Corps.

The work is interesting and profitable. It will place your name before your detachment; before the whole Marine Corps, in fact. It will give you valuable training, both in writing and in developing your powers of observation. It will put money in your pocket. But, better than all, it will give you that satisfaction that comes from the knowledge that you are doing something for the old outfit, something that it needs badly, too.

If you think you can handle the job at your post, drop us a line. If you know someone better than yourself get him to write. If he is too modest write to us about him yourself.)

QUANTICO BASEBALL

The Quantico Marines gave the Mount Saint Marys College team of Emmettsburg, Md., an unmerciful beating April 20. The Marines scored in every inning, and crossed the plate fifteen times in the fifth on a combination of twelve hits, three bases on balls, and two errors. Chenoweth, lead-off man for the Marines, hit a homer first time up. After the fifth the Marines seemed to slacken their attack. In this inning they batted Standiford, Collins and Candlier out of the box. The main feature was the Marines' terrific hitting. Mount St. Marys, 5; Marines, 27.

On April 22 the Catholic University nine went down in defeat before the Quantico Devil Dogs. This game was filled with excellent fielding, combined with good hitting.

Lawler of the University boys, in the second frame, hit one of the longest home runs into left center seen here in years.

Watson, pitching for the Leathernecks, held the University men to one run until the seventh, when Neary scored on a collection of singles. In the eighth, Denault made a single and passed to third when Watson walked Lawler and Clark, and a two-base hit by Neary scored two for Catholic University. In the ninth, after walking three, and a long home run by Denault, Watson, with two out and two on base, was replaced by Kyle, who finished the frame for the Marines.

Catholic University, 6; Marines, 7.

In a game featured by the wonderful pitching of "Big Jim" Balis, Bart Burke's Leathernecks won an easy 12 to 2 victory over Syracuse.

Syracuse, fresh from a win yesterday of 20 to 2 over Williams and Mary, started with all confidence. Balis struck out the first four men to face him.

In the ninth, Syracuse filled the bags with none out, due to errors by Evans and Sowers. Balis then took another hitch in his belt, made Breden foul out, and struck out Foley and Sawyer.

The feature of the game, aside from Balis's pitching, was the long hitting and fine base running of second bagman Sowers.

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NEW RANGE OPENED AT SANTIAGO

Major General J. H. Pendleton officially opened the new rifle range at Santiago, D. R., by scoring a pin-wheel bull on the first target raised. The General expressed his approval of the range and commended the men on their work. Marines at that station declare that they are all going to follow the lead of General Pendleton and cut the centers right out of the targets.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE NEWS

Through the columns of this paper the Marine Corps extends its cordial greetings to the members of the *Marine Corps League*, and to all ex-Marines. Officers and men who have been with us for a time only are now scattered through every state in the Union. There is not one of them in good standing who does not retain pride in his old associations. Events and faces start suddenly and vividly into every mind. Thousands have taken part in the making of epoch-shattering history from Quantico to France, from Parris Island to Siberia, from San Diego to the West Indies, from the Mississippi Valley to the North Sea.

Marines come and Marines go, but the spirit of the Corps lives on forever. Our traditions were founded long, long ago, but every generation has added to them, and this generation lifted them to everlasting fame. Nobody knows who first said, "Once a Marine always a Marine," but it is a truth among truths.

For the first time the Marines now have an association by which they may retain contact with those who return to civil life, and they are the great majority. Detachments of the *Marine Corps League*, are being organized wherever ex-Marines learn there is such an organization. General Lejeune, the National Commandant of the *League*, has designated THE LEATHERNECK as its official paper. By means of these columns Marines both in and out of the service learn of each other, and Detachments of the *Marine Corps League* will exchange their news.

All hands are asked to broadcast this information, to see that it is brought to the attention of all Marines and ex-Marines, to the end that the *League* may grow and prosper. THE LEATHERNECK carries its news to thousands of subscribers, and all future issues will contain a regular column devoted to matters of interest to the *League*.

New Orleans.—Seventy-five Marines and ex-Marines enjoyed a smoker and radio concert given by this detachment on Monday the 14th. Plenty of prohibition beer, pretzels, hot dogs and smokes were supplied by the mess sergeant. The affair was such a great success that plans for some sort of blowout once a month are under way. A rifle team is being organized and shooting matches are to be held between members of the detachment and local rifle clubs.

Fifteen new members joined us at our last meeting, they are: L. T. Bishop, N. B. Skolfield, A. G. Dantagnan, W. J. Guidry, W. G. Gregor, L. Mitchell, M. B. Myers, C. P. Meyer, J. O. Meyer, D. E. Walker, E. C. Lea, V. M. Endel, W. Lanham, D. B. Stidham, S. S. Simpson, M. F. Oliver.

Atlanta.—This detachment reports seven new members: L. O. Cole, J. R. Moser, Jr., J. A. Pfeffer, J. C. Davis, Matt Benson, I. F. Nunn, S. R. Washington. Although we had a terrific rain storm on our last meeting day, we held our meeting and had a good attendance. Sgt. E. H. Galway requested to be allowed to resign as his work at the recruiting office took up all his time. His resignation was accepted and Sgt. C. R. Baumgras was elected to take his place, but not until Galway had been given a vote of thanks for his splendid work. An entertainment committee was selected with J. W. Tolle as chairman. At this meeting T. C. Harris made a talk on the *Marine Corps League* over the radio, WSB, *Atlanta Journal* station. We claim honors as being the first detachment to pull this broadcasting stunt and urge all other detachments to repeat and tell the world all about the *Marine Corps League* and what it stands for.

We are publishing a local news sheet with great success and consider ourselves a real live outfit. For enrollment in this live-wire detachment, address Sgt. C. R. Baumgras, 510 Federal Building, Atlanta, Ga.

In our issue of April 10, 1924, we spoke of Q. M. Sgt. W. F. Thomas, Retired, as an old timer, but we have heard from others who believe that they can offer a little competition. Are there any others?

"The record of Q. M. Sgt. Thomas is good," writes Sgt. Maj. John E. LeSage, Retired, of Brooklyn, and a member of the New York detachment of the *Marine Corps League*, "but I think I have him beaten. I was born in 1869, joined the *Marine Corps* in 1893 and retired in 1921 on my seventh enlistment. If I had finished it out I believe that I would have been the only Marine to hold seven good conduct medals. I served in almost every part of the world."

From Frank Brandl, Sergeant, U. S. M. C., Retired, we hear:

"I am now retired and am connected with the Sioux Falls, S. D., Hatchery Company, raising young chickens—not the kind that flutter around Broadway. I saw Q. M. Sgt. Thomas's few lines in THE LEATHERNECK of April 10. I myself was a member of Colonel Waller's Samar Battalion." In another letter to the National Adjutant Sergeant Brandl says: "You will no doubt recall me as the one who drilled you girls on the roof of 117-119 E. 24th Street, New York."

For the information of THE LEATHERNECK readers, Sergeant Brandl served at the U. S. M. C. Publicity Bureau during the war and among his many duties used to drill the Marines and the Marinettes twice a day on the roof. Where are the other old timers who served at the Bureau during the war?

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ONE of the stock complaints against the public schools is that they don't train for leadership. Nobody can bring that charge against the correspondence schools. There may be endless discussion about the purpose of the education that is forced on our children, but there is no doubt about the purpose of adult education for which a man voluntarily gives up his own time and money. He takes correspondence courses so that he can come home to his wife with: "I've got that promotion, Nell. Now we can move to Maple Street."

The virtuous young clerk who reads up on the principles of business administration in the evening while the clerk at the next desk is out dancing, does it because he expects to become vice-president and general manager the day his neighbor is let off.

Now, this is excellent in its purpose and its effect. But what would happen if it were generally successful? Abe Martin says: "Who's goin' to make the sewer connections, and do the farmin' and the newspaper work, and shovelin' after we're all educated?" If every mechanic in the plant takes the correspondence courses so as to fit himself to be superintendent

the fact remains that only one of them can be superintendent at a time. This is a long way off, perhaps. But every new student enrolled in the correspondence schools brings it nearer. Yes, we are going to need some training for *followership*. It will be a better plant when any man in it is fit to be superintendent (so far as education can make him fit), and a better country when every ditch digger and street cleaner knows something of history and economics and literature. But, obviously, both plant and country will have to be differently organized if the ditch digger and the man at the bench are to be satisfied. Otherwise we may find some day that we have more education than we can swallow. The thing can be done, and it is time to look ahead and figure out how it is to be done. By doing the things that the chemists and the engineers and other scientists tell us we can do, such as stopping obvious wastes and using superpower, it is quite possible to shorten and lighten the mean jobs and the heavy jobs so that every one will have the leisure and the will to enjoy the fruits of culture.

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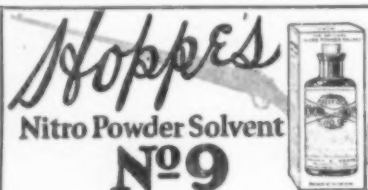
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 1st Lieut. L. G. DeHaven—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to Asiatic Station.
 1st Lieut. A. Stahlberger—Detached M. B., N. Yd., Boston, Mass., to M. D., Rifle Range, Wakefield, Mass.

April 18, 1924.

Capt. W. W. Rogers, A. Q. M.—Detached Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D. C., to M. D., Managua, Nicaragua.
 1st Lieut. Dan E. Root—Detached 2d Brig., Santo Domingo, to M. B., N. Yd., Norfolk, Va.

April 19, 1924

Capt. C. Ubel—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.
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April 21, 1924

Mar. Gnr. R. C. Vardy—Detached M. D., N. P., N. Yd., Portsmouth, N. H., to 1st Brigade, Haiti.

April 22, 1924

Maj. R. D. Lowell—Detached M. B., Quantico, Va., to Naval War College, Newport, R. I.
 1st Lieut. J. B. Hardie—Detached Gendarmerie d' Haiti, to M. B., Parris Island, S. C.

April 23, 1924

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